

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The communication optical system according to claim 4,~~

A communication optical system comprising:

a light source;

a light-receiving element;

a first and a second prisms, which are cemented to each other; and

a beam-splitting member, which performs one of transmission and reflection towards an incident and emergent port, of a first light beam from the light source, and performs one of reflection and transmission towards the light-receiving element, of a second light beam from the incident and emergent port,

wherein the beam-splitting member is arranged at a cemented portion of the first and second prisms, and the light source and the light-receiving element are arranged on the same side with respect to the first and second prisms;

wherein the second prism comprises a first surface cemented to the first prism, a second surface which is parallel to the first surface and ~~wherein the second prism comprises a third~~ surface disposed on the opposite side of the first surface with respect to the light source, and the third surface is arranged such that the third surface forms an angle of substantially 90° with respect to both the first surface and the second surface of the second prism.

8. (Currently Amended) A free-space optics communication apparatus comprising:  
the communication optical system according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7;  
a driving circuit modulating the light source in accordance with communication  
information; and  
an output circuit outputting a signal from the light-receiving element.